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## Milk Production in Pennsylvania Up 2.8 Percent in April

HARRISBURG, PA, May 18, 2010 -- Milk production in Pennsylvania during April 2010 totaled 925 million pounds, 2.8 percent above last April's production of 900 million pounds, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service (USDA/NASS). The number of milk cows in the state during the month averaged 541,000 head, unchanged from March 2010 and down 8,000 from April 2009.

Production per cow averaged 1,710 pounds in April, 20 pounds less than March's production per cow of 1,730 pounds, and 70 pounds per cow more than April 2009.

Milk production in the 23 major states during April 2010 totaled 15.2 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from April 2009. March revised production, at 15.4 billion pounds, was up 0.9 percent from March 2009. The March revision represented an increase of 9 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major states averaged 1,823 pounds for April, 63 pounds above April 2009.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.33 million head, 155,000 head less than April 2009, and 3,000 head less than March 2010.

### MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

Item	Unit	Pennsylvania			23 States		
		April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010
Milk Cows .....	Thous.	549	541	541	8,480	8,322	8,325
Milk Per Cow .....	Lbs.	1,640	1,730	1,710	1,760	1,846	1,823
Milk Production .....	Mil. Lbs.	900	936	925	14,922	15,364	15,178

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